

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Morris County, New Jersey

No. R-58-13

Date of Adoption: April 15, 2013

Title or Subject: RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE STATE FUNDING FOR PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP OF OPEN SPACE, PARKS, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC SITES IN NEW JERSEY

WHEREAS, New Jersey has a long and successful history of preserving open space, parks, farmland, and historic sites; and

WHEREAS, the Green Acres program has helped to preserve over 650,000 acres of land and supported more than 1,100 park development projects over the past 50 years, and the state Agricultural Development Committee has preserved 200,000 acres; and

WHEREAS, all remaining funds for these programs under the Green Acres, Water Supply and Floodplain Protection, Farmland and Historic Preservation Bond Act of 2009 were fully allocated by the end of 2012; and

WHEREAS, municipalities across the Garden State have been direct beneficiaries of, and partners to, these critical state preservation programs; and

WHEREAS, substantial unmet needs remain for additional land and water protection, park development, and farmland and historic preservation, for the health and welfare of all our communities and residents; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that a sustainable state funding source be established in order to sustain open space, farmland, and historic preservation programs beyond the 2009 Bond Act; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Committee of the Township of Washington, hereby expresses support for the establishment of a sustainable state funding source for these purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the New Jersey State League of Municipalities, Senate President Steve Sweeney, New Jersey Senate Republican Leader Thomas Ken, Jr., New Jersey Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver, New Jersey Assembly Republican Leader Jon Bramnick, our State Senator Anthony R. Bucco, our Assemblymen Anthony Bucco and Michael Carroll, the members of the Senate Environment and Energy Committee, the Assembly Environment and Solid Waste Committee, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection, the New Jersey Secretary of Agriculture and the Governor of the State of New Jersey.

ATTEST:

TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON

Deborah A. Burd, Acting Township Clerk

Kenneth W. Short, Mayor

I, Deborah A. Burd, Acting Township Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted at a meeting of the Township Committee, held on April 15, 2013.

Deborah A. Burd, Acting Township Clerk

Date